

## Perry Bands Executive Board

### Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2020

#### Opening

The regular meeting of the Perry Bands Executive Board was called to order at 6:01 p.m. via Zoom by Francis.

#### Present

Francis McAllister, Brandi Brostrom, Anna Coody, Scott Coody, Erin Hugus, Jeff Hugus, Brandon Kiesgen, Benjamin Sampayan

#### Approval of Minutes

Action items from June 2 meeting were reviewed. Outstanding issues are listed under Open Issues. Scott made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Jeff seconded the motion. All present voted aye, and the minutes were approved.

#### Action Items

- **Updated action:** Jeff to order drill press, mobile cart, and drill bits
- **Outstanding action:** Shelly to send information on Scrips to Jeff
- **Outstanding action:** Francis to drop off iPads at the school
- **New Action:** Brandon to send invoice to Shelly

#### Open Issues

Jeff has received the information from the drama teacher for the drill press. She will not have access to the building until mid-July. She has provided Jeff with the model of drill press she would like for us to purchase. Jeff confirmed the \$700 budget and proposed to add a mobile cart and drill bits, since the model she wants is only \$550.

#### New Business

Since Shelly is traveling, there is no treasurer report this month.

Francis asked Brandon and Ben about the latest plans for band camp.

Brandon and Ben reported that they met with the techs the day of the Governor's message, and they are watching to see what other programs are doing. The schools in CUSD need to come together to have a unified plan. Peoria school district has already announced cancellation of their marching season. We are waiting on the results of a study on wind instruments and spread of the virus. The prospects of a "normal" marching band season looking quite different. Options include:

- Postpone this year's show to 2021
- Only have a pep band – community-type ensemble

Ben noted that we are waiting for updates and guidelines from the various agencies, and we update plans each time we receive new guidelines. Even if the guidelines say we can hold a season, we should consider if we should be hosting. We recognize that a lot of families are connected through the band, but we need to balance mental and physical health and consider everyone needs to care for their families.

Francis opened the floor for general discussion.

Discussion on what online learning will look like this year. Francis mentioned the last quarter of last school year was a challenge, and Brandi mentioned that the Zoom calls were beneficial. Ben mentioned that the Zoom huddle calls were fading out at the end of last year, and that they can resume them this year. The challenge is meeting in larger groups; suggested breakout groups be formed.

Brandi mentioned that she has a daughter in sports and a son that is in band, and a lot of the activities have transitioned to being online. She asked if the band could be broken into small groups. She recommended that the students work together and have the parents donate their time to help.

Ben described the nature of the technology in playing instruments is that the experience is of an individual in a group community. The smaller the group, the better it is, but this requires more time commitment. Ben would like to utilize the 10 techs to help make online learning that is engaging.

Brandon mentioned that the teachers return July 29 and are being told to teach the sections as normally scheduled to camera and the students engage online. This requirement is because attendance is tied to funding. The school is considering implementing a block schedule. Ben mentioned that this is predicated on having the ability to present live on camera. The new teacher stations have been upgraded to include an integrated camera. Brandon mentioned an idea to present a lesson, have students practice, then submit a video.

Francis asked if COA online classes are synchronous.

Ben confirmed that COA is asynchronous, where students work at their own pace.

Francis asked if there is a drop-dead date to decide if we will have traditional marching band.

Brandon reported that they are talking with other groups to determine this. His recommendation is August 1. It would be a modification by eliminating the competitive field show. Students will have the opportunity to learn new pep band music, play around campus. We would not need to have our long practices, and we would not need to charge fees.

Ben mentioned that if there are sports going on, we can do simplistic marching to still have students feel they serve a purpose – they join the band to be a part of something bigger. Brandon also mentioned that there is an option to have a revised winter season.

Francis asked for confirmation that we will not know what the form of band will be for the next few weeks, but the plan will still be to do something.

Brandon confirmed that some version of modified marching band program will be planned. Good news is that we are still getting our new uniforms.

Francis asked if anyone had any other questions or comments.

Scott asked if there a timeline that the district has for the football program regarding plan for spectators, since this will affect concessions.

Brandon replied that AIA is over all the sports – they are leaving a lot of decisions up to the districts about spectators. AIA will be sending info to the athletic departments. If there are not enough schools to participate, ABODA or AZMBA may cancel the season.

Ben remarked that the strange thing is the agencies are pushing responsibility down to districts, and districts are looking to organizations for guidance. Unfortunately, there is no timeline.

Francis asked that Brandon and Ben let board know when decisions are made.

Brandon mentioned that we may need to add more stand tunes or stand music if we adopt college style show.

Brandon mentioned that the Perrybands.com domain name needs to be renewed, but the credit card has expired.

### **Date for Next Meeting**

Tuesday, August 4

Anna and Scott plan on this being their last meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Erin. Jeff and Scott seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. by Francis.

Minutes submitted by: Erin Hugus

Approved 8/4/2020